

PRESS RELEASE

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CONYERS AND WELLSTONE PLAN TO INTRODUCE ANTITRUST BILL NEXT WEEK

Rep. John Conyers, Jr, Ranking Member on the House Judiciary Committee, issued the following statement in connection with the recent decision by Major League Baseball to cut two teams before next season:

“I was shocked and amazed to learn that less than 48 hours after one of the greatest World Series in history, the owners decided to cut the heart out of the baseball fans of America by agreeing to the first franchise elimination in more than 100 years.

Next week, Senator Wellstone and I plan to introduce legislation which levels the playing field once and for all. I expect that our legislation will enjoy widespread support. Congress is not going to sit on their hands while a bunch of billionaires conspire with each other to cut jobs and threaten our cities and states.

A little competition is good for everyone. If the antitrust laws can apply to major league football, basketball, and hockey, there is not a reason in the world they cannot apply to major league baseball.

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